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Argentina: Buenos Aires and Beyond

Experience tango, opera, beef, polo, and (yes) Eva Perón—from the Porteños to the Pampas

WHAT IS IT? Six nights in Buenos Aires, San Antonio de Areco, and Mendoza, with two at the Palacio Duhaio-Park Hyatt (Readers' Choice Awards 2011), one at the *estancia* La Bamba de Areco and three at Entre Cielos, in wine country.

WHY TAKE THIS TRIP NOW? With Greece facing economic crisis, it's heartening to see how Argentina has bounced back. Then there's the wine. And the steaks...

INCLUDED:

- Eva Perón's Buenos Aires during a half-day guided tour, including private access to the Evita Museum, the Casa Rosada (the presidential palace), and the iconic balcony from which she made her tearful final speech, nor-



You'll have a suite at the luxurious and recently renovated La Bamba, one of Argentina's oldest *estancias*.

mally off-limits to the public.

- Buenos Aires from the air in a private helicopter, and on the ground. You'll view the gardens of Palermo and Recoleta cemetery before heading to the countryside *estancia*.
- A tango performance choreographed, staged, and executed just for you. Performers

will include top professional tango dancers, a tango singer, and a three-piece ensemble.

- Behind-the-scenes access to the historic Teatro Colón, BA's renowned opera house (acoustically one of the world's best) and to the rarely visited presidential box and the underground rehearsal rooms.
- Visit to a private finca, or a polo club to see a scrimmage and lunch with the players, followed by a wine-tasting at a player's winery. Want to try the sport? A lesson can be arranged.
- And much more.

CREATED BY Argentina specialist **Vanessa Guibert Heitner** of Limitless Argentina (202-536-5812). For full details, more photos, and pricing, and to find out how many trips are still available, go to condenasttraveler.com/worldonsale.

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Mediterranean: A Family Cruise to Six Exceptional Ports

Sailing in "The Haven," the luxe enclave aboard the *Norwegian Epic*, means your kids get activities while you get serenity



You'll privately tour the gallery of the Palazzo Colonna, at the base of Rome's Quirinal Hill.

WHAT IS IT? A nine-night trip (June 28–July 7, 2013), including a 7-night Mediterranean cruise (June 30–July 7, 2013) on the *Norwe-*

gian Epic (Readers' Choice Awards 2011) in a two-bedroom penthouse villa, and two nights pre-cruise at the Claris Hotel Barcelona.

WHY TAKE THIS TRIP NOW? Sure, you'll be aboard one of the world's largest cruise ships, but you'll be staying in an area with its own pool, spa, restaurant, fitness facilities, and concierge service. The trip creator will himself be on board to make sure things run smoothly. Onshore? Some of Spain, France, and Italy's most extraordinary sights will be opened just for you. Even if you've visited the ports of call before, you've probably never seen them with no lines at the main attractions (expedited access has been arranged)—and there's a private car and driver for a full-day tour at each port.

INCLUDED:

- A tour of Pompeii—including two ancient houses ordinarily

off-limits to visitors—with an archaeologist as your guide, then lunch at the Michelin-starred Il Principe. You'll spend the afternoon exploring Sorrento.

- In Rome, a private viewing of the Galleria Colonna and the Princess Isabelle apartment, then jump the lines at the Vatican Museums—no small feat.
- In Florence, access to the world's largest collection of Michelangelo drawings during a private opening of the Casa Buonarroti's library.
- Access to the rarely-open-to-visitors Vasari Corridor, the secret passageway built in 1564 by the order of Grand Duke Cosimo I de' Medici.
- Lunch at the Villa San Michele (the facade is attributed to Michelangelo).
- \$1,200 in shipboard credit.

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Egypt: From the Pharaohs to Tahrir Square

Ancient treasures in private and up close, plus history in the making

WHAT IS IT? Twelve nights (April 28–May 11, 2013)—four at the Four Seasons Cairo at Nile Plaza (Readers' Choice Awards 2011), one at the Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Aswan (Hot List 2012), three aboard the M.S. *Mayfair*, one at the Hotel Al Moudira Luxor, and three at the Four Seasons Sharm el Sheikh Resort (RCA 2011 No. 1 resort in Africa).

WHY TAKE THIS TRIP NOW?

Egypt's combination of pharaonic, Islamic, and Christian antiquities, Red Sea beach- and sea-life, and desert adventure travel has always been unique; today you have the added appeal of witnessing history and talking with a new generation in the middle of a transformative political and cultural moment. Social and political upheaval has unleashed artistic and entrepreneurial energy, and contemporary art exhibits, concerts, plays, and new restaurant openings are on the rise.



TIP FROM THE TRIP CREATOR
Go to Cairo's Sultan Hassan Mosque when the local imam is singing prayers, and stand directly under the center of the dome for the best acoustics. —J.B.

INCLUDED:

- Visit the "Sphinx Paws" with a noted Egyptologist and director of the Giza Plateau Mapping Project.
- Access to the tombs of Queen Nefertari and Pharaoh Seti I, normally closed to public viewing.
- A tour of the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities after-hours—you'll be the only ones viewing the collection, including King Tut's magnificent funerary mask sculpted from 24 pounds of gold.
- An Egyptian cooking class with the master chef of the M.S. *Mayfair*.
- A day-trip to St. Catherine's Monastery, at the foot of Mount Sinai, with a visit to the world's largest collection of icons in the Crusader art style.
- A tour of Tahrir Square with

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A traditional felucca on the Nile. Your trip includes a private lunch on Basma Island near Aswan.

Mariam El Masri, a founding member of Sahwa Masreya (the Egyptian Awakening).

- And much more.

CREATED BY Egypt specialist Jim Berkeley of Destinations & Adventures International (800-659-4599). For full details, more photos, and pricing, and to find out how many trips are still available, go to condenasttraveler.com/worldonsale.

SPECIAL ACCESS

Grand Canyon: America's Great River Adventure

Reserved seats on next summer's coveted O.A.R.S. trip



This O.A.R.S. trip on the Colorado River includes a visit to the environmentally controversial Glen Canyon Dam.

WHAT IS IT? Eight nights (June 12–20, 2013) through the Grand Canyon on the Colorado River, from Lees Ferry to Phantom Ranch.

PLUS: Your guide, noted geologist Dr. Andre Potochnik, has been guiding on the Colorado for 30 years and is a specialist on the river, the

You'll stay one night at Amangiri (Hot List 2010), spend five camping along the Colorado River, one at Phantom Ranch at the bottom of the Grand Canyon, and one at the Kachina Lodge on the canyon's South Rim.

WHY TAKE THIS TRIP NOW?

It's your chance to experience arguably America's most exciting outdoor adventure with its premier outfitter—and though it's extraordinarily difficult to get a summer spot in an O.A.R.S. Grand Canyon trip, all 16 spots can be yours.

Colorado Plateau, the canyon itself, and the complex politics of water in a desert environment. Chills, thrills, and an education!

INCLUDED:

- Dr. Potochnik will meet you in Las Vegas and accompany you on the entire trip, including all the way back to Las Vegas.
- An 87-mile Grand Canyon Colorado River float.
- A trip through the Glen Canyon Dam.
- Many (optional) side-canyon hikes.
- A 9.7-mile hike out of the canyon—fully escorted by Dr. Potochnik.
- A Navajo flute performance and an astronomy chat at Amangiri.
- And much more.

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England: Viddy Downton Abbey

Get a taste of the British upper crust, Crawley-style



Hampshire's 1,000-acre Highclere Castle. The real-life Crawleys are the Earl and Countess of Carnarvon.

WHAT IS IT? Three nights at London's Dorchester on Park Lane (Readers' Choice Awards 2011) for four people traveling together (two couples, both in a Belgravia Suite).

WHY TAKE THIS TRIP NOW? Our interest in the British upper class now apparently exceeds

home of the family of Lady Diana, on a day it's closed to the public.

• Dine with a royal expert and biographer at Mosimann's "members only" club owned by Anton Mosimann, who catered the dinner hosted by Prince Charles at Buckingham Pal-

ace for the Royal Wedding.
• An afternoon of specialty "Royal" shopping customized to your interests.
• A day at Highclere Castle (home of Downton Abbey's Crawley family) with the resident Earl and Countess of Carnarvon. They'll take you through the State Rooms and join you for lunch—perhaps rack of lamb with gratin potato dauphinoise and wine pairings from the earl's private cellar—in the State Dining Room. (Eat your heart out, Sarah O'Brien!) You'll also off-road in a four-wheel-drive to Beacon Hill, where the fifth Earl of Carnarvon (who discovered Tutankhamun's tomb with Howard Carter) is buried and return for afternoon tea with the countess.

INCLUDED:

- Exclusive access to the Queen's Gallery at Buckingham Palace before it opens to the public in the morning.
- A private guided tour of Spencer House, the recently refurbished former

ace for the Royal Wedding.

- An afternoon of specialty "Royal" shopping customized to your interests.
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- And much more.

CREATED BY

England specialist **Susie Worthy** of Note-Worthy Events (44-20-3051-5165). For full details and pricing, and to find out how many trips are still available, go to condenasttraveler.com/worldonsale.

Highclere Castle (Downton Abbey) London



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Southeast Asia: Temples, Jungles, and Beaches

Be Indiana Jones by day—ride elephants, meet monks, climb remote temples where wild monkeys roam—but retreat to luxury each night

WHAT IS IT? Fourteen nights in Thailand and Cambodia, with three at the Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok (Readers' Choice Awards 2011 No. 1-rated hotel in Thailand), two at the Four Seasons, Chiang Mai, three at the Four Seasons Tented Camp, Chiang Rai, three at the Sofitel Angkor Phokeethra Golf and Spa Resort, and three at the Banyan Tree Phuket. All properties are RCA 2011 winners.

WHY TAKE THIS TRIP NOW? It's that moment: The hotel infrastructure is there to guarantee over-the-top creature comforts, yet sights haven't been overrun by tourism... yet (or, where they have, your guide will get you past the crowds).

INCLUDED:

- Get inside Angkor Wat at sunrise—when you can be alone with the monks and enjoy a

peaceful picnic breakfast among the ruins.

- At sunset, dine privately alfresco at a temple within the ruins while Cambodian cultural dancers perform by torchlight.
- Helicopter to two seldom-seen Khmer temples: Preah Vihear, a just-reopened World Heritage Site on a 1,722-foot cliff overlooking Thailand and Cambodia, and Banteay Ampil, partially overtaken by forest—perfect for a picnic.
- Learn how to be a mahout through the Four Seasons Tented Camp Golden Triangle's famed program—guests communicate with, ride, and care for elephants.
- And much more.

CREATED BY Southeast Asia specialist **Andrea Ross** of Journeys Within

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TIP FROM THE TRIP CREATOR

See Bangkok's most famous temples when they are at their prettiest and least crowded: From dusk until 9 P.M., you will have Wat Arun and Wat Pho mostly to yourself. —A. R.



Your guide at Siem Reap's Ta Prohm Temple will know the best camera angles.

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Dubai and the Maldives: High End of the High Life

Dune-bash through the desert, then picnic on a deserted island and scuba dive amid world-class coral reefs.



The Maldives' new Jumeirah Dhevanafushi resort has some of the most luxurious overwater villas in the world.

WHAT IS IT? Three nights in Dubai at the Jumeirah Burj al Arab (Readers' Choice Awards 2011, No. 1 resort in the Middle East) and six nights in the Maldives (RCA 2011,

No. 1 island in Asia) at the newly opened Jumeirah Dhevanafushi (Hot List 2012).

WHY TAKE THIS TRIP NOW? One remarkable resort after another has opened on the Maldives—and you'll be staying at the best. As for Dubai, though the financial crisis halted some ambitious projects, the downtown—home to the Dubai Mall (the world's largest)—has just been completed. The combination of the relaxed atmosphere in the lowest country in the world and the frenetic energy in the city with the world's tallest building makes for an excellent yin/yang adventure.

INCLUDED:

- Instant access to the observation deck of the Burj Khalifa in Dubai; the Jumeirah Mosque; and Ski Dubai's indoor slopes.
- Dune-bash in a four-wheel drive through

the desert outside Dubai. Come sundown, dine on a sand dune by candlelight. (Okay, it's a little manufactured . . . but still pretty great!)

- An overwater bungalow at Jumeirah Dhevanafushi, with a ten-foot-wide bed and pool.
- Scuba diving in a world-class site, wending through huge table corals with just your guide as company (unless you count the dolphins, eagle rays, and turtles).
- A picnic on the beach, Robinson Crusoe-style—on your own desert island. You'll be dropped off by boat and provided with a cell phone to call when you're ready for your ride back.
- And much more.

CREATED BY Maldives/Dubai specialist Lindsey Wallace of Linara Travel (800-335-6033). For full details and pricing, and to find out how many trips are still available, go to condenasttraveler.com/worldonsale.

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Brazil: Rio to the Amazon

From Rio's hottest clubs to the country's ancient ways

WHAT IS IT? Six nights in Rio, São Paulo, and the Amazon frontier—one at the Fasano São Paulo (Readers' Choice Awards 2011), two at the Fasano Rio de Janeiro, two at the Rancho Jatobá in the Amazon Basin, and one in the Xingu Indian Reserve—for six people traveling together.



TIP FROM THE TRIP CREATOR

Rio de Janeiro's most popular samba club is Rio Scenarium. If you haven't reserved a table in advance, arrive before 9 P.M. to get one on the first floor—for great views of the band and easy access to the dance floor. —M.F.

WHY TAKE THIS TRIP NOW? Sure, Brazil's economy is roaring—it's now the world's sixth largest. Crime in São Paulo and Rio is way down, and the country's main cities, a dozen of which are hosting the World Cup in 2014, are busy sprucing themselves up for

the rush of visitors. But in all this frenetic activity, it's easy to overlook Brazil's ancient, traditional, tribal aspect—the intense, intimate immersion in which is what makes this trip extraordinary.

INCLUDED:

- A day and night in a Kamayurá village in the Xingu Indian Reserve, one of the southern Amazon's best-preserved villages. It's a rare chance to participate in a way of life that is threatened with extinction: Meet the tribal leader, help prepare a meal, watch the tribe rehearse dances and spear-fish at night, and even bathe in the lake with families at sunrise—that's how up-close and personal this experience is.
- Introduction to traditional Indian geometric body painting. (And be painted yourself by an expert—should you desire.)

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You'll experience up-close the customs of the Kamayurá tribe.

- Samba lesson before a night in Rio's best live-music clubs.
- And much more.

CREATED BY Brazil specialist Martin Frankenberg of Matueté (866-709-5952). For details, pricing, and how many trips are still available, go to condenasttraveler.com/worldonsale.

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Peru: Ancient Ruins, Great Cities, Amazonian Luxury

Explore the cuisine, the monuments, the river, the wilds. . .

WHAT IS IT? Ten nights in Lima, Urubamba Valley, Machu Picchu, Cuzco, and the Amazon. You'll spend three at the Country Club Lima Hotel, two at Sol y Luna, one at Inkaterra Machu Picchu Hotel (Readers' Choice Awards 2011), one at Inkaterra La Casona (Hot List 2009), and three cruising the Amazon aboard the *Delfin I*.

WHY TAKE THIS TRIP NOW? Peru's economic boom has led to the launch of luxury Amazon cruises, new museums in Lima, and a host of innovative restaurants that have made Peru South America's gastronomic capital. As Spanish superstar chef Ferran Adrià said, "The future of gastronomy is being cooked up in Peru."



INCLUDED:

- A foodie's tour of Lima—think local markets, a cooking

class, and lunch with chef and culinary guide Penélope Alzamora.

- A visit with Naguib Ciurliza, Lima socialite and expert in contemporary Peruvian art, whose home has not only exquisite gardens but a major collection of modern European works (Picasso! Dalí! Gauguin!)—arguably the country's finest.

- Lunch at Hacienda Huayo Ccari, followed by a private performance of a traditional Paso horse show (ride your own steed on the grounds!).

- A tour of Machu Picchu with noted author and archaeologist Peter Frost, who has been exploring the Andes since 1971.

- And much more.



Being alone at Machu Picchu is increasingly hard to do, but your private guide has strategies for seeing it at its best.

CREATED BY Peru specialist Marisol Mosquera of Aracari (51-1-651-2424). For full details, more photos, and pricing, and to find out how many trips are still available, go to condenasttraveler.com/worldonsale.

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Alaska: Big Nature from a Stylish Ship

Wildlife watching on the top-rated Celebrity Cruise vessel, and a private expedition via catamaran, dogsled, and seaplane



A glimpse of what you might see: This humpback is breaching, believed to be a form of communication.

WHAT IS IT? Seven nights (May 17–24, June 14–21, June 21–28, July 19–26, or August 16–23, 2013) aboard the *Celebrity Solstice* (Readers' Choice Awards

No. 1 large ship cruise line) on a cruise from Seattle to Alaska, plus one night pre-cruise at Seattle's Fairmont Olympic Hotel (RCA 2011).

WHY TAKE THIS TRIP NOW? In 2013, for the first time ever, *Celebrity* is sending its *Solstice*-class ships to Alaska.

INCLUDED:

- A private tour of Ketchikan with a native Tlingit guide and former mayor. Learn about their customs as you visit Cape Fox Lodge and the village of Saxman, where you can view tribal carvers at work.

- A one-day expedition on a private catamaran, yours to use as you please: to visit sites known for spotting whales, sea

lions, bears, and eagles; to stroll the shores of a remote island; to explore tide pools—whatever!

- A 30-minute scenic helicopter flight to the Denver Glacier, where a dog team and musher await. Learn about Alaska's favorite sport and its famed Iditarod race as you sled over the glacier, even driving the team if you wish.

- A private seaplane trip to Butchart Gardens, a National Historic Site of Canada: 55 acres comprising some of the most exceptional show gardens in the world. After, your guide and driver will whisk you to Victoria, British Columbia's beautiful and welcoming harbor-centric capital. Sip martinis at the Fairmont Empress Hotel's Bengal Lounge or on its broad veranda, before returning to the ship.

- A private dinner for two in the intimate wine cellar of *Celebrity Solstice*'s restaurant Murano. The ship's executive chef will personally present each dish, paired with the right wine, of course.

CREATED BY Alaska specialist Margaret Propper of Brownell Travel (205-414-1656). For full details, more photos, and pricing, and to find out how many trips are still available, go to condenasttraveler.com/worldonsale.

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Australia: Sydney to the Great Barrier Reef

Explore the ecosystems that dazzled Charles Darwin



One of many stops: Dramatic Kangaroo Island, home to diverse and endangered life forms.

WHAT IS IT? Fourteen nights in Australia's urban and wilderness landscapes, with two at the Langham, Sydney, two at Wolgan Valley Resort and Spa (World Savers Awards 2011/2012), four at Lizard Island resort on the Great Barrier Reef (Readers' Choice Awards 2011), two at Longitude 131° (Gold List 2011) in Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, two at Southern Ocean Lodge (Hot List 2009), and two at the Park Hyatt Melbourne.

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WHY TAKE THIS TRIP NOW? No continent has been more affected by climate change, and this is your chance to see its stunning and complex ecosystems—and learn how they're being protected while we still have them.

INCLUDED:

- Private tour of the rugged, undeveloped, and pristine Wolgan Valley escorted by Chris Darwin, great-great-grandson of Charles, who visited here in 1836. Retrace his steps, viewing kangaroos, wallabies, and wallaroo.
- A helicopter trip to an Aboriginal community of the Nugal-warra clan in Far North Queensland with elder Willie Gordon.
- An Aboriginal performance depicting traditional Anangu sand stories in the shadow of iconic Uluru (Ayers Rock).
- Expedition to explore Kangaroo Island and have lunch with Dr. Peggy Rismiller, a renowned environmental physiologist, who can talk about the island's biodiversity and the local "bush tucker."
- And much more.

CREATED BY Australia specialist **Stuart Rigg** of Southern Crossings (61-2-9657-2088). For full details, more photos, and pricing, and to find out how many trips are still available, go to condenasttraveler.com/worldonsale.



TIP FROM THE TRIP CREATOR

The Sydney BridgeClimb is popular, but a little-known alternative—at less than one-tenth the cost—is the Pylon Lookout, with similarly stunning views of Sydney Harbour.
—S.R.

SAVE 50%

Four-Night Roman Holiday

WHAT IS IT? A getaway for lovers and foodies: half off a four-night stay in an Imperial Room with Rome View at the Rome Cavalieri (Gold List 2012), a Waldorf-Astoria hotel with Tiepolo masterpieces in the lobby and the rooftop La Pergola, the only restaurant in Rome with three Michelin stars.

INCLUDED:

- Bottle of champagne on arrival.
- Daily buffet breakfast for two at the pool-

side L'Uliveto restaurant.

- Half off dinner for two at L'Uliveto.
- A guaranteed reservation at La Pergola.
- Access for two guests to the Cavalieri Grand Spa and the Imperial Club executive lounge.
- Round-trip airport transfers.

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SAVE 60%

Canada's Pacific Coast

A helicopter ride to glacial Foch Lake is only the start



WHAT IS IT? Six nights in British Columbia, with two at Vancouver's Shangri-La (Readers' Choice Awards 2011) and four at the King Pacific Lodge (RCA 2011 No. 1 resort in Canada).

WHY TAKE THIS TRIP NOW? Vancouver is a perennial favorite, but many stop there. This is a window into an overlooked British Columbia.

INCLUDED:

- Guided wildlife excursions in search of sea lions, humpbacks, orcas, seals, and bald eagles, as well as saltwater trolling, fly fishing, wilderness hiking, and kayaking.
- A helicopter ride along a 2,000-foot waterfall to glacial Foch Lake.
- A day with whale researchers at Cetacealab on Gil Island and on the water surveying, collecting data, and enjoying Whale Channel.
- And much more.

CREATED BY Canada specialist **Marc Telio** of Entrée Canada (1-888-999-6556). Much more is included in the itinerary; for full details and pricing, and to find out how many trips are still available, go to condenasttraveler.com/worldonsale.

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Explore ancient shipwrecks, fjords, and inlets from King Pacific Lodge.



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Tibet and China's Unspoiled Southwest

A window on China's richly varied minority cultures

WHAT IS IT? Eleven nights (May 16–28, June 16–28, or Sept. 19–Oct. 1, 2013) in Beijing, Lhasa, Shangri-La (Zhongdian), Lijiang, and Hong Kong, with two at the China Club in Beijing, three at the St. Regis (Hot List 2011) in Lhasa, two at the Banyan Tree Ringha in Zhongdian, two at the Banyan Tree in Lijiang, and two at the Peninsula hotel, Hong Kong (Readers' Choice Awards 2011).

WHY TAKE THIS TRIP NOW? Because if you think China is monolithic, you won't after this trip. From the bamboo-lined wilds of Lijiang to the colonial-era romance of Hong Kong, this trip covers thousands of miles and 2,500 years. In particular, it is a window on the enigma of Tibet's living Buddhas, isolated monasteries, sacred mountains, horse festivals—and perhaps especially its people. By experienc-



ing two areas on the "roof of the world," you'll gain insight into the cultural misnomer "Tibetan" while experiencing the region's natural beauty and the hospitality of its people.

INCLUDED:

- Entry to the "Great Within" of the Forbidden City: the imperial family's residence, the reception halls where Qianlong held court, and his retirement lodge. Finish with an unprecedented viewing of artwork from the vaults.
- Breakfast in Beijing with a noted Tibetan specialist who will prepare you for your journey by discussing its culture and issues.
- Take part in the annual Khampa Horse Festival, the most celebrated festival (after the Tibetan New Year) on the high meadows of northern Yunnan and southwest Sichuan. It draws on ancient Khampa traditions involving horse racing, acrobatics, and warfare. Join in activities, visit campgrounds that draw Tibetans from across the region, and be granted an audience with a Living Buddha, a rare experience for travelers (June 16 departure).

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Harvesting grain in Ringha Valley, close to the Banyan Tree luxury resort in Yunnan Province, China.

- A visit with a Tibetan family descended from nobility, then climb to Dabaosi Temple, the most sacred site in northern Yunnan (May 16 and Sept. 19 departures).
- An insider's view of private art collections with art expert, historian, and Hong Kong resident Catherine Maudsley; meet with contemporary artists, and lunch at the China Club with Hong Kong's movers and shakers.
- And much more.

CREATED BY China specialist Gerald Hatherly of Abercrombie & Kent (852-2865-7818). For full details, more photos, and pricing, and to find out how many trips are still available, go to condenasttraveler.com/worldonsale.

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Italy for Foodies

Cook (and eat) from farm to table in central and southern Italy

WHAT IS IT? Ten nights preparing and feasting on Italian cuisine, with four at L'Orto degli Angeli in Bevagna, Umbria, four at the Grand Hotel Excelsior Vittoria (Readers' Choice Awards 2011) in Sorrento, and two at the Aldrovandi Villa Borghese (RCA 2011) in Rome.

WHY TAKE THIS TRIP NOW? With locavorism all the rage, what better time to visit the home of the Slow Food movement, while learning how to source, cook, and appreciate the cuisine.

INCLUDED:

- A lesson in Umbrian entertaining while lunching on the property of a small olive oil producer. Join your hostess in making fresh pasta and dine with the owner of Umbria's premier vineyard.
- Truffle foraging with a truffle hunter and his dogs on an organic farm in the hills above

Spoletto, then lunch with your host and his family featuring—what else?—truffles.

- A wine-tasting featuring the best vintages of Italy's premier winemakers during a dinner of local specialties with the proprietor of Enoteca Properzio, in the hill town of Spello.
- A visit to Pompeii with a gastro-nomic historian. Learn about the Roman metropolis with a focus on its food, markets, and domestic habits.
- Help chef Peppe Aversa select the catch of the day and prepare a seafood lunch at his Michelin-starred Il Buco, in Sorrento.
- A meeting with chef Oliver Glowig, who earned two Michelin stars in Capri, at his new restaurant at Rome's Aldrovandi Villa Borghese. Glowig will prepare a four-course



Your daily bread will include two Umbrian types at Casa Gola, a small olive oil producer—a savory roll with field greens and a cheese bread.

tasting menu.

- And much more.

CREATED BY Italy specialists Maria Gabriella Landers and Brian Dore of Concierge in Umbria (212-769-4767). Much more is included in the itinerary; for details and pricing, and to find out how many trips are still available, go to condenasttraveler.com/worldonsale.

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Qasr al Sarab Desert Resort is set among the towering dunes of the Liwa Desert.

SAVE 51%

Abu Dhabi: Sheikh It Up!

An essential, eclectic introduction to the largest of the Emirates

WHAT IS IT? Five nights in Abu Dhabi, with three at the Emirates Palace Hotel (Readers' Choice Awards 2011) and two at Qasr al Sarab Desert Resort by Anantara (Hot List 2010).

WHY TAKE THIS TRIP NOW? The richest city in the world? No, it's not Dubai. It's Abu Dhabi, capital of the United Arab Emirates. You'll find luxury—but also the chance to see how a business hub continues to evolve into a leisure destination. "[Of] how many places can you say, 'I want world-class hospitals, universities, and museums,' and boom, the Sorbonne, Cleveland Clinic, Guggenheim, and Louvre are on the way?" one developer asked. Crass? Maybe. Diverting? Without question.

INCLUDED:

- A visit to the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque Center, one of the world's biggest—with 80 domes, 1,000 columns, 24-karat-gold-plated chandeliers, and the world's largest handwoven carpet. You'll see areas normally off-limits to visitors, including the library, with its rare Arabic calligraphy collections, copies of the Quran printed in Europe in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and approximately 5,000 titles.
- A trip to the Marine Turtle Conservation Project, focused on the island's original

guests—the endangered turtles continue to nest on the sweeping beachfront despite rapid development.

- A behind-the-scenes look at the development of Saadiyat Island, the future home of the Zayed National Museum, the Guggenheim Abu Dhabi, and the Louvre Abu Dhabi.
- A visit to the Al Ain Oasis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the world's oldest continually inhabited settlements, famed for its camel market.
- Golf at Yas Links Abu Dhabi, designed by Kyle Phillips and voted among the "Top 10 New International Golf Courses" by *Golf Magazine*.
- A tour of the Falcon Hospital, the most advanced of its kind, and its museum, reflecting the traditional desert sport of falconry.
- Premium access to the Ferrari World Abu Dhabi, the largest indoor theme park on earth and home to Formula Rossa, the world's fastest roller coaster.
- And much more.

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Galley Bay on the west coast of Antigua, the island named by Christopher Columbus.

SAVE 50%

A Week in the Caribbean

WHAT IS IT? A romantic sun and sea vacation: seven nights in a Premium Beachfront Suite at Galley Bay, Antigua, with its 40 acres of tropical gardens. And no blackout dates! Christmas in Antigua, anyone?

INCLUDED:

- A \$100 per person spa credit.
- Two private tennis lessons per guest.
- Luxury airport transfers.

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A Weekend in New York

WHAT IS IT? A girls' weekend in the city that never sleeps, for four traveling together, with two nights in two Panoramic Park-View Tower Rooms at the Four Seasons New York (Readers' Choice Awards 2011).

INCLUDED:

- One 50-minute custom spa treatment per person.
- A "wow" surprise experience, based on your personal interests.
- Signature martinis and appetizers at The Bar.
- Breakfast daily.
- Private airport transfers.

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SAVE 50%

Italy: Insider's Siena, Lake Como, and Milan

Get a privileged perch at Siena's iconic horse race, cruise Lake Como on a private boat, and more

WHAT IS IT? Seven nights in northern Italy (June 30–July 7, 2013); three at the Castel Monastero (Hot List 2010), near Siena; two at the Villa d'Este (Gold List 2011); two at Milan's Armani Hotel (Hot List 2012).

WHY TAKE THIS TRIP NOW? You will have an elite, secluded vantage point from which to view the Palio di Siena, a thrilling and colorful horse race (think one part Preakness, two parts Renaissance fair . . . in a good way). Held twice each year, on July 2 and August 16, it showcases ten horses and their costumed bareback riders. The race and the Corteo Storico—the elaborate costume pageant that precedes it—draw mobs that, with this itinerary, you will be able to mostly sidestep.



TIP FROM THE TRIP CREATOR

Don't wait until Milan to do your clothes shopping. Fifteen minutes from the Villa d'Este, just over the border in Mendrisio, Switzerland, are the FoxTown designer outlets where you can buy Fendi, Versace, and Ferragamo at 70 percent off. —A. G.

INCLUDED:

- A Tuscan dinner for two at La Cantina restaurant, in the romantically cavernous medieval wine cellars of Castel Monastero.
- A private pre-Palio rehearsal dinner on the eve of the race, during which you will watch the traditional blessing of a horse and rider—so exclusive

that only a few locals will be present.

- A pre-race ceremony viewed through the high windows of the historic Siennese Palazzo della Provincia.
- A view of the race from a private palazzo overlooking Siena's main square on the "curva di San Martino"—the sharpest part of the track, where the action can best be seen.
- A seven-hour cruise of Lake Como on a private boat, visiting the homes (and their exceptional gardens) built for vacationing Milanese nobility.
- Lakeside seating at the Villa d'Este's luxe July 4 gala—enjoying music, dancing, and fireworks under the stars.
- A visit to the Armani Casa showroom and design office to see how Armani's products are created—a glimpse into the firm's creative process.
- A trip through Giorgio Armani's Via Bergognone showroom and runway building, Teatro Armani, designed by the architect Tadao Ando.
- A tasting dinner for two (with Italian wine pairings, natch) at the Armani/Ristorante.



A flag bearer dances during the procession into the Siena Cathedral that begins the traditional Palio di Siena.

- Private transfers throughout, including airport transfers from Florence's airport and to Milan's airport.
- And much more.

CREATED BY Italy specialist **Andrea Grisdale** of IC Bellagio (39-031-952-059). For full details, more photos, and pricing, and to find out how many trips are still available, go to condenasttraveler.com/worldonsale.

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SAVE 65%

Paris: A Room with a View

WHAT IS IT? This is an insanely romantic way to get into Paris's hottest new hotel—five nights in an Eiffel Premier Room with unparalleled views of the City of Light's most famous landmark. The Shangri-La (Hot List 2011) is located in an elegant 1896 limestone mansion originally built as the residence of Napoleon's nephew. An upgrade to a suite, or even a suite with a terrace, is based on availability.

INCLUDED:

- Breakfast daily.
- One dinner for two per stay, excluding drinks, served either in-room or in La Bauhinia restaurant.
- Airport pick-up and drop-off.

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What's the best spot in Paris from which to view the Eiffel Tower? Uh, maybe your bed?

SAVE 42%

Mediterranean: Cruising Italy, Turkey, and Greece

Jump the lines in Rome, dine under the stars in Ephesus, and sail the Amalfi Coast in a private yacht

WHAT IS IT? A 13-night (June 25–July 8, 2013) trip, including a 9-night (June 27–July 5) cruise on the *Crystal Symphony* in a pent-house (in the Readers' Choice Awards 2011, *Crystal* was the top-rated mid-sized cruise line) plus two nights pre-cruise at Rome's Hotel de Russie (RCA 2011) and two post-cruise at Istanbul's Four Seasons Sultanahmet (RCA 2011).

WHY TAKE THIS TRIP NOW? For extraordi-

Greece mean it's time to cross Mykonos and Santorini off your bucket list.

INCLUDED:

- A daylong tour of Rome with your own driver and guide, who will help you jump lines and visit the underground levels of the Colosseum—normally off-limits—where wild animals were once kept.
- Special access to Rome's holiest sites, in-

nary access to southern Italy, Greece, and Turkey's top sights. Rome's attractions are often mobbed, but with exclusive entrée, they're your private playground. And smaller crowds in

cluding early entrance to the Vatican Museums, an insider's tour of the Vatican's underground catacombs, an exclusive evening viewing of the Sistine Chapel, and a private visit to the Sancta Sanctorum.

- A six- to eight-hour sailing along the Amalfi Coast in a crewed yacht, with an optional stop on Capri.
- A white-glove dinner under the stars at Ephesus, with music by the Aegean Chamber Orchestra.
- And much more.

CREATED BY Cruise specialist Mary Jean Tully of The Cruise Professionals (800-265-3838). For full details, photos, and pricing, and to find out how many trips are still available, go to condenasttraveler.com/worldonsale.

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SPECIAL ACCESS

Silk Road: Retracing the World's Iconic Trade Route

Seven countries, ancient sites and treasures



One of your stops: The Tian Shan (or Mountains of Heaven), in northern Kyrgyzstan, where nomadic life continues.

WHAT IS IT? 21 nights (Sept. 17–Oct. 8, 2013) tracing the Silk Road through China, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Iran, Turkey, and Italy.

WHY TAKE THIS TRIP NOW? It's an extraordinary chance to experience some of the

Garden, Istanbul, and Rome.

- A visit to the vault of Tang-era frescoes with the director of the Shaanxi History Museum.
- Twenty minutes of private time in the pits with the Terra Cotta Warriors.
- A visit to the Mogao Caves, renowned for

world's most intriguing, exotic locations—including many that are usually off-limits or are seldom seen by Westerners. You'll encounter and interact with people from dozens of religions, cultures, and artisanal traditions—from Hui Muslims in Xi'an to traditional felt-weavers in Kochkor, Kyrgyzstan. Your guide will be an Arabic language scholar, Middle East political analyst, and fellow of the Royal Asiatic Society who has lived, worked, and traveled in the Middle East and Asia for more than three decades.

INCLUDED:

- Nine UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Mogao Grottoes in Dunhuang, the Mausoleum of the First Qin Emperor (the Terra Cotta Warriors), Bukhara's historic center, Samarkand, the Parthian Fortresses of Nisa, Imam Square in Esfahan, the Bagh-e Chehel Sotun Persian

wall paintings that span 1,000 years of Buddhist art—in the company of a director from the Dunhuang Academy (which helps preserve the art there), followed by a sunset camel ride in the Singing Sand Dunes.

- A trip through Kashgar's centuries-old bazaar, followed by lunch at a local home.
- A visit to a master ceramicist's Tashkent workshop, and a lunch of Uzbek specialties.
- Samarkand's bazaar and the Registan, with its minarets covered in glazed tiles of calligraphy and azure-and-cobalt mosaics.
- A tour of Bukhara's three dome-covered bazaars, and a private dinner in a historic Bukharan madrasa.
- A stop at Ashgabat's Tolkucha Bazaar.
- A rare look at the Holy Shrine of Imam Reza in Mashhad, Iran. Few non-Iranians gain entrance.
- And much more.

CREATED BY Geographic Expeditions' Carey Johnston (415-922-0448). For full details, photos, and pricing, and to find out how many trips are still available, go to condenasttraveler.com/worldonsale.



TIP FROM THE TRIP CREATOR

Visiting a teahouse is a can't-miss experience in Iran. Azadegan Tea House, in Imam Square in Esfahan, is the least touristy and the most welcoming. —C. J.

SAVE 40%

China: The Dragon Ascendant

The places and the people that are fueling the rise of the country most affecting the world's future



Mia Yu, architectural historian, will take you on a tour of Beijing's iconic structures—including the CCTV building, part of a media park designed by Rem Koolhaas.

WHAT IS IT? Eleven nights (May 9–21 or Sept. 12–24, 2013) in Beijing, Chengdu, Hangzhou, and Shanghai, with four at Beijing's China Club, two at the Shangri-La Chengdu, two at the Four Seasons Hangzhou (Hot List 2011), and three at the Ritz-Carlton Shanghai Pudong (Readers' Choice Awards 2011, world's No. 1 hotel).

WHY TAKE THIS TRIP NOW? To see where modern China was born (Beijing), where it goes to relax (Hangzhou), where it goes to party (Shanghai), and where it's going next (Chengdu). Visit, dine, and shop with the country's luminaries—from journalists and artists to socialites and diplomats—and hear how politics and the arts are shaping modern China.

INCLUDED:

- A private dinner with David Tang, an owner of Beijing's members-only China Club.
- A private guided visit to the Summer Palace, followed by a sunset cocktail cruise on Kunming Lake.
- An unprecedented look at the "Great Within" of the Forbidden City, with entrée to the imperial family's private residence, the reception halls where Qianlong (the sixth emperor of the Manchu-led Qing dynasty) held

court, and his retirement lodge. You'll also view artworks from the Forbidden City's vaults—normally not on display.

- Private behind-the-scenes access to the Jinsha Site Museum, home to some of China's most impressive ancient treasures.
- A private tea ceremony with the members of the Mei family, the descendants of Hangzhou's first family of green tea.

- The chance to get your portrait painted during a private session at the China Central Academy of Fine Arts.

- A trip led by a former curator through the Shanghai Museum's collection and its basement vault, where you'll see treasures never displayed to the public.

- A private dinner prepared by Shanghai's current top chef, David Laris.

- And much more.

CREATED BY China specialist Gerald Hatherly of Abercrombie & Kent (888-611-4711). For full details, photos, and pricing, and to find out how many trips are still available, go to condenasttraveler.com/worldonsale.

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TIP FROM THE TRIP CREATOR
In Hangzhou, too many travelers miss the tenth-century Lingyin Si Temple, just outside town. The trail leading to the structure is dotted with 1,000-year-old Bodhisattva statues carved into the mountainside—some of the best can be seen behind the Amanfayun resort, at the bottom of the Pilgrim Path.
 —G. H.

SAVE 65%

San Diego: Golf Lovers Getaway

WHAT IS IT? A vacation for golf lovers: four nights in a Veranda Suite at the Grand Del Mar (Readers' Choice Awards 2011), north of San Diego.

INCLUDED:

- Unlimited golf for two.
- Two 60-minute spa treatments.
- Breakfast daily.
- Four-course dinner for two, with wine pairings. (Take your port, like a titan of industry, by the lobby hearth.)

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SAVE 59%

Hawaii: You, the Kids, Kauai

WHAT IS IT? A family holiday in Hawaii at the Marriott Kauai (Readers' Choice Awards 2011). There are no blackout dates for this seven-night stay for four people in a One-Bedroom Oceanfront Suite connecting with an Ocean View Guest Room with two double beds.

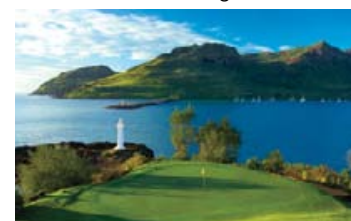
INCLUDED:

- Two 80-minute massage treatments at Alexander Day Spa and Salon.
- Dinner for four at Cafe Portofino Italian Restaurant (excluding alcohol).
- And much more.

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Enjoy two rounds of golf for two at the Jack Nicklaus-designed course.



SAVE 38%

Africa: The Ultimate Safari

Sure, you'll spot the Big Five, but what makes this itinerary exceptional are the lodges and the unprecedented access to top conservation experts

WHAT IS IT? Twelve nights at three of Africa's most iconic game reserves, with four at Singita Grumeti Reserves, Tanzania, four at Singita Kruger National Park, South Africa (Readers' Choice Awards 2011), and four at Singita Sabi Sand, South Africa (RCA 2011).

WHY TAKE THIS TRIP NOW? If you're contemplating a safari, go now. Facing the needs of a growing human population, African governments are permitting mineral and gas exploration and extraction within the national parks, and poaching (especially of rhinos) is epidemic despite conservation efforts. So although this is a thrilling wildlife adventure, the trip's true value is the chance to learn firsthand about the dramatic conservation battle raging on the continent.

INCLUDED:

- A day with the director of the Grumeti Fund, Singita's conservation project cov-

ering 350,000 acres of the Serengeti. You'll visit remote corners of the reserve and learn about anti-poaching units and the reintroduction of 32 endemic black rhino.

- A day with the head ranger of Kruger National Park, one of Africa's oldest reserves, to discuss conservation.
- A private cooking lesson with the head chef of Singita Lebombo or Singita Sweni Lodge (both part of Singita Kruger National Park), preparing contemporary cuisine with traditional ingredients. Enjoy the resulting meal with wines chosen by the sommelier.
- A tour of the cellar at Singita Boulders Lodge (part of Singita Sabi Sand) and a private tasting of South African wines with the sommelier.
- A day with the environmental manager for



Singita Faru Faru Lodge, part of northern Tanzania's Singita Grumeti Reserves, is your first stop.

Singita Sabi Sand, learning about the conservation of the Sabi Sand Reserve's biodiversity and about Singita's efforts to rehabilitate local drainage systems to preserve the landscape and protect endangered rhino.

- Three spa treatments, one at each lodge.
- And much more.

CREATED BY Safari specialist **Cherri Briggs** of Explore Africa (888-596-6377). For full details, more photos, and pricing, and to find out how many trips are still available, go to condenasttraveler.com/worldonsale.

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SAVE 46%

Cruising the Danube: Budapest, Vienna, and Prague

Sail into the land of Kafka, Strauss, and strudel



Prague's Theological Hall—normally off-limits, but not to you.

WHAT IS IT? Ten nights (August 2–12, 2013) in central Europe, with seven on the Danube in a Veranda Suite aboard the *Viking Idun* long-ship plus one pre-cruise at Budapest's Four Seasons Gresham Palace (Readers' Choice Awards 2011) and two post-cruise at the Four Seasons Prague (RCA 2011).

WHY TAKE THIS TRIP NOW? Just launched this year, Viking's *Idun* is more stylish than anything out there, and its Veranda Suites have balconies and floor-to-ceiling windows.

INCLUDED:

- A private lesson in Budapest on the intricacies of strudel-making, or a private tour of the Parliament Building, including a viewing of the crown jewels.
- A visit to Vienna's *Kunst-kammer*, an "art room" of objects made for the Hapsburg emperors. Reopening in 2013 after a decade, the chamber in-

cludes 2,200 items, mainly medieval and Renaissance art and curiosities—including Cellini's gold-plated Salt Cellar sculpture and a horn that supposedly came from a unicorn.

- Private tours of Vienna's Schönbrunn Palace, summer home of the Hapsburgs, and Melk Abbey (founded 1089), renowned for its manuscript collection—it was also the inspiration for Umberto Eco's *Name of the Rose*.
- Access to the frescoed medieval library of Prague's Strahov Monastery, which is usually off-limits to the public.
- An insider's tour of Prague's Estates Theatre—where Mozart premiered *Don Giovanni*—with a theater historian.

- A private tasting and a picnic at a Wachau Valley artisanal vineyard (ordinarily off-limits).
- And much more.

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TIP FROM THE TRIP CREATOR

When in Budapest, take the most scenic transport, Tram 2, which takes you along the Danube from the Liberty Bridge all the way to Margaret Bridge.

—G. K.

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Russia: White Night Wonders

Avoid the crowds—and get inside cultural treasures in St. Petersburg and Moscow that are normally off-limits



You'll see the Kremlin's Faceted Chamber, the oldest preserved secular building in Moscow, on a private tour.

WHAT IS IT? Six nights (May 24–30, 2013) in Moscow and St. Petersburg—three at the Ritz-Carlton Moscow (Readers' Choice Awards 2011) and three at the Rocco Forte Hotel Astoria, St. Petersburg.

WHY TAKE THIS TRIP NOW? The new Russia has been pouring billions into restoring its treasures to their Romanov-era bejeweled grandeur, and the best time to see them is next

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year, the four hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Romanov dynasty, during the White Nights—the last ten days of June, when the sun doesn't set until after 11 P.M.

INCLUDED:

- Entrance to the Kremlin before the grounds open to the public, on your way to the Terem Palace, home to the earliest czars and every Romanov; the Grand Kremlin Palace, the president's private residence; and the Diamond Vault, whose collection could pay off our national debt.
- A backstage tour of the Bolshoi, just open after an \$850 million renovation.
- Private, after-hours access to the Hermitage, the world's largest museum.
- And much more.

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TIP FROM THE TRIP CREATOR

On the new high-speed train between Moscow and St. Petersburg, groups of four should sit in one of the sets of two seats facing each other with a table in between. You get a full picture window and can have a civilized lunch with a view rather than eating off airplane-style tray tables. —G. T.

SAVE 56%

Utah: Winter Sports with the Kids

WHAT IS IT? A ski vacation for four: 7 nights in a two-bedroom Vista View Residence at Montage Deer Valley in Park City (Hot List 2011), plus 7 days' Deer Valley lift tickets and ski rental.

INCLUDED:

- Three days of private ski instruction.
- One day skiing with an Olympic medalist.
- Private dinner for four in your Vista View Residence, prepared by one of Montage's renowned chefs.
- Travel through Utah Olympic Park, including a downhill bobsled run on the Olympic track for three people and a one-of-a-kind Olympic jacket for each person.
- Dogsledding along river trails and ranches—and a photo session with the mush dogs.
- Private cookie-baking lesson with Raymond Lammers, voted one of the top 10 pastry chefs in the United States. Your souvenir? Monogrammed chef's jackets for everyone.
- An after-hours tour of the Park City Museum.
- Four 60-minute spa treatments.
- And much more.

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SAVE 50%

Mexico: Cabo for Couples

WHAT IS IT? An easy, romantic escape—five nights in a Beachfront One Bedroom Luxury Suite at One&Only Palmilla (Readers' Choice Awards 2011).

INCLUDED:

- Breakfast daily.
- Lunch for two on three of the six days.
- Dinner for two on three of the five nights: at Agua; Jean-Georges Vongerichten's Mar-

ket; and on the beach.

- Two rounds of golf for two, including cart and Callaway golf club rentals, at Palmilla Golf Club. Choose from three courses.
- Chauffeured transportation to and from the airport.

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You'll get afternoon canapés and margaritas (on the beach, if you so desire).

SAVE 40%

Turkey: Istanbul, Cappadocia, Ephesus, and a Gulet Cruise

Dine high above Istanbul, balloon over Cappadocia's lunar landscape, and sail the coast in your own private yacht



WHAT IS IT? Thirteen nights in Istanbul, Cappadocia, and Izmir—three at the Ciragan Palace Kempinski (Readers' Choice Awards 2011), two at the Museum Hotel, two at the Swissôtel Grand Efes (RCA 2011), and a cruise aboard a luxe version of the traditional Turkish sailboat (chef included).

WHY TAKE THIS TRIP

NOW? After Istanbul was named 2010's European Capital of Culture, the city's main historic area was closed to traffic and transformed into an open-air museum; restorations to monuments and buildings are just being completed. Two hundred miles away, Ephesus is the world's

best-preserved ancient Roman city, where 20 years' worth of excavations are finally bearing fruit: Restoration of two of the "terrace houses," begun in the 1960s, is finished, and archaeologists have begun replacing the green marble on the grand ballroom walls. Meanwhile, increasing interest in Cappadocia's eerie, lunar landscape means it has more luxury hotels than before, but it hasn't—yet—succumbed to the hordes.

INCLUDED:

- Share a dinner with Mehmet Gürs, Istanbul's foremost chef, at a table in his own restaurant Mikla, atop the Marmara Pera hotel—one of the most sought-after spots in the city. The tasting menu (with wine pairings) might include molasses-glazed lamb entrecôte or monkfish with fennel risotto.
- Personal introductions to Istanbul's finest jewelry, leather, carpet, and hand-painted Iznik tile artisans.
- A Sufi whirling dervish performance and private dinner in Bezethane Cave, Cappadocia.

- A day exploring Ephesus with an archaeologist who's been on the excavation team for 40 years. Enter the ancient city again at sundown (it's been opened just for you) for a private, candlelit dinner with white-glove service at the Celsus Library, with a performance by the Izmir State Symphony Orchestra.
- A private, hour-long balloon ride over Cappadocia. The balloonist can descend close to the houses carved within the undulant rocks.
- A cruise on a *gulet*, which sleeps six with a crew of five. You'll visit Poyraz Bay, the picturesque port of Datça, cosmopolitan Marmaris, Lycian rock tombs near Dalyan, the ancient cities of Caunos and Xanthos, and the blue lagoon of Ölüdeniz—Turkey's most beautiful beach.
- And much more.

CREATED BY Turkey specialist Karen Fedorko Sefer (90-212-292-8555) of Sea Song Tours. For full details, more photos, and pricing, and to find out how many trips are still available, go to condenasttraveler.com/worldonsale.

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SPECIAL ACCESS

Everest, Nepal, and India

Travel by helicopter (and camel) from the frigid top of the world to the steamy Subcontinent

WHAT IS IT? Nine nights in Nepal and India—one at the Oberoi Gurgaon, two each at Dwarika's Hotel in Kathmandu and the Oberoi New Delhi (Readers' Choice Awards 2011), one each at the Oberoi Amarvilas (RCA 2011) and the Oberoi Rajvilas (RCA 2011), and two at Anopura hotel, near Jaipur.

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